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SUBJ: NEWS STORY ON UK/ US/ HK NARCOTICS CONFERENCE

REF: HONG KONG 5310

SUMMARY. SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST JUNE 1 CONTAINS FRONT- PAGE  
STORY ON FORTHCOMING US/ UK/ HK NARCOTICS MEETING IN HONG KONG.  
ARTICLE CONTAINS A MIXTURE OF FACT AND SPECULATION. HKG HAS  
PREPARED RESPONSE FOR POSSIBLE PRESS INQUIRIES STATING THAT " HKG"  
IS TAKING OPPORTUNITY OF PASSING THROUGH HK BY BNDD DIRECTOR  
INGERSOLL TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS." CONGEN REPLYING ALONG  
SIMILAR LINES AND STATING THAT INGERSOLL WILL BE IN HK JUNE 5-9.  
END SUMMARY

1. SCMP JUNE 1 BYLINE STORY BY KEVIN SINCLAIR STATES " SECRET  
MEETING OF WESTERN WORLD' S TOP NARCOTICS EXPERTS WIL BE HELD IN  
HK NEXT MONTH TO DESIGN UNITED BRITISH- AMERICAN STRATEGY TO STAMP  
OUT DRUG KINGS OF ASIA." ARTILES MENTIONS ONLY BNDD DIRECTOR  
INGERSOLL BY NAME AS PARTICIPANT BUT ADDS THAT BRITISH ASSISTANT  
UNDER SECY OF STATE, BRITICH DIPLOMATS FROM SEA, SCOTLAND YARD' S  
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TOP NARCOTICS DETECTIVES, AND AMERICAN UNDERCOVER AGENTS FROM VIETNAM, THAILAND, LAOS, BURMA, AND THE PHILIPPINES WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED. ACCORDING TO STORY PURPOSE BEHIND MEETING IS TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO STOP FLOW OF DRUGS FROM GOLDEN TRIANGLE TO HK, STOP SMUGGLING INTO HK, AND STOP MANUFACTURE OF HEROIN IN HK. ARTICLE ENDS BY SHORT REHASH OF BOYER- BRADY AND FREY REPORTS AS BEING CRITICAL OF HKG EFFORTS TO STOP FLOW OF DRUGS.

2. SINCLAIR, WHO IS ALSO LOCAL CORRESPONDENT FOR LONDON DAILY EXPRESS, INFORMED CONGEN OFFICER THAT INITIAL INFORMATION CAME FROM HIS PAPER IN LONDON. PRIOR TO WRITING STORY HE CHECKED WITH HKG ( WHICH REFUSED COMMENT) AND WITH CONGEN ( WHICH CONFIRMED ONLY THAT BNDD DIRECTOR SCHEDULED TO BE IN HONG KONG JUNE 5-9). HKG HAS INFORMED US THAT IT NOW PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ANY QUERIES ALONG LINES ABOVE AND CONGEN WILL MODIFY ITS COMMENTS TO CONFORM.  
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